

Edison, he declares, provided inventor or will make his charges against cigarets more specific.

**New York.**—With 32-caliber bullet in his brain, Edward Treu lived two days. Shot himself because he lost job.

**Dellria, O.**—Posse searching for man who waylaid and killed Henry Stock, 45, wealthy farmer, and wounded Mrs. Peter Kuish, 26, who was driving with Stock.

**Cleveland.**—Almost entire staff of nurses at Saint Claire Hospital went on strike. Protest over dismissal of eight staff doctors.

**Omaha, Neb.**—Auto knocked down and ran over Tony Scavio, 7. May die.

#### FACTORY GIRLS AND NEGRO CONCERNED IN ROTTEN CASE

Two fifteen-year-old factory girls who claimed they sold themselves for a few dollars to bring home will be the principal witnesses against Robert Brown, an aged negro, who was arrested in his home, 1240 W. Kinzie street, Saturday morning.

By the arrest of Brown the police believe they have uncovered a veritable den in which little white girls were lured to their ruin by the negro in exchange for money.

The negro's discovery came through the disappearance of Catherine Gongola, 15, 417 N. Elizabeth street. The girl was absent from her home for a week.

The police finally found her in the home of the negro. She at first tearfully denied that she had done anything wrong, but later broke down and admitted she had been with the negro all the time she had been absent from home.

The police then made an investigation and found that Bertha Wojtlik, 1253 Fry street, had also been in the negro's home. Detectives who worked on the case believe they will find nine other underpaid girls who sold themselves to Brown for the price of a new dress.

Officers Cook and Perry, who ar-

rested Brown on a charge of rape, found pitiful conditions when they investigated the circumstances that led to the girls' downfall.

Both Catherine and Bertha are the daughters of very poor parents. In order that they might help in the maintenance of their homes they were taken from school very early and put to work.

They worked in various factories and averaged \$4 a week pay. They had to bring their money home.

There were little things they wanted. Dresses like the other girls had. But they had no money for them.

And then Brown came along. He offered money, they say. At first they rebelled. But after awhile their love for better things overcame their disgust for him and they yielded. Then followed the expose.

Brown will be arraigned in the West Chicago avenue court tomorrow.

#### THE MELLEN-NEW HAVEN CASE.

**Washington, May 18.**—Charles S. Mellen must submit to another private examination before he is publicly grilled when the Interstate Commerce Commission probe of the alleged "looting" of the New Haven railroad is resumed tomorrow. Mellen, who has been searching through his personal correspondence for "every paper with a New Haven mark on it," is believed to have uncovered scores of important documents.

It is said that the questioning of Mellen will center upon the political activities of the New Haven in Westchester county, New York.

#### TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE

A strike of the telegraphers employed by the Postal Telegraph Co. may be called today.

A vote will be taken by the Commercial Telegraphers' Union on the question this afternoon. The union right now is up in arms over the charge that the Postal Telegraph Co. is getting rid of all operators known to be members of the union.